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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

One of the more difficult facets of the editor's job is that he is occasionally required to disseminate bad news to the readers of his publication.

With full realization that this is the Christmas season, that we are in the first minor throes of an energy situation which shall not be resolved for some years, and that prices of most goods continue to gallop out of reach — to join Kohoutek in its Valkyrian flight through the heavens, no doubt — I bring the additional, unwanted news that prices of The Long Island Fisherman will increase, as of January 1, 1974, to nine (9) dollars for subscriptions and twenty five cents ($.25) per single copy.

It would be easy to say nothing more of the matter and merely await the response through mails from an irate, incensed readership, and to let each coin topple as it will. However, we do feel an obligation to those that have been with us to explain why these price increases are necessary.

Last August we were advised by our supplier that we would be compelled to accept a 68% increase in the cost of the paper used to print The Fisherman. The complete text of the letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Reina:

We have been able to obtain a new source of 50-lb. offset paper for use in printing the Long Island Fisherman. Unfortunately, the cost price is a very steep increase over what we have been charged, and I feel sure you will understand that this increase cannot be absorbed by us.

Since 1969 your paper costs have been based on fifteen cents per pound. Our increase since June 1973 amounts to ten cents per pound which we are passing on to you, making your new paper cost twenty five cents per pound, an increase of 68%, and will be effective after August 13, 1973.

You are aware undoubtedly of the seriousness of the paper shortage — not only in newsprint but also in the higher priced papers used in magazines and other publications. Except for price, we feel fortunate in obtaining this new source of supply.

Very truly yours,...."

Although the increase in the cost of paper, alone, would not have demolished our price structure, additional increases we had incurred, and were told we would have to accept in the beginning of 1974, were sufficient to force us in a direction that was totally undesired by everyone.

In July, The Fisherman was contacted by the U.S. Postal Service and informed that it would suffer an 18% increase in postal rates that month, and that there would be additional increases — averaging approximately 40% — that would face us when we awakened on January 5, 1974.

Our accountant surveyed the entire situation with his jaundiced financial eye, rapped his cane on the table as he tugged his scraggly, graying beard, shrugged, then indicated that one of two choices was ours to make — the first being to stop publishing our fancy fish wrapper because we were losing money, and would lose much more in the future. Businesses, even sporting magazines, apparently, cannot continue operations at a loss without quickly submitting themselves to a gamut of troubles and problems.

The decision was made — for better, we hope — to increase our rates and prices all around in order to continue bringing this magazine to Long Island fishermen. After all, that is our name.

We hope you will agree with the choice we made. In the past, whenever the undesireable duty of announcing a price raise confronted us, we afforded our readership the opportunity to renew or extend their present renewal for as many years as they wished before the new prices came into effect. Once again we will hold to our past policy. Any subscription received in this office postmarked before Midnight December 31st 1973 will be honored, no matter how many years the subscription is for.

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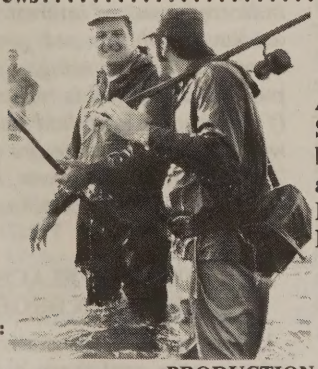

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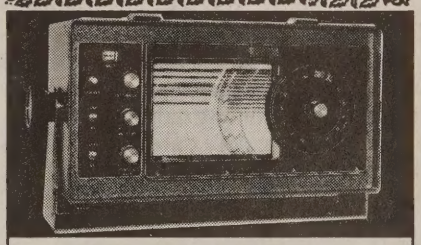

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Chum Lines

L.I.F. CALENDAR OF CLUB TOURNAMENTS?

I would like to thank you for recently publishing the results of our annual Amity Harbor Fishing Club "Chopper Roundup", which took place last summer.

As the newly elected president of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club one of my main goals is to get the club more actively invovlved in other tournaments sponsored by neighboring clubs. Sometimes long range planning is necessary if maximum participation is desired.

Your magazine is a focal point for the Long Island fisherman and, as such, could prove of invaluable assistance.

Could you request all of Long Island clubs send you the following information regarding proposed tournaments for the upcoming year?

Date, club, species, Tournament Director, address, phone.

You could organize the data, place it in order by date, perhaps even inform the club of conflicting dates for possible early changing of dates, and then publish the calendar under "Club News".

Why not announce the idea under "Club News" and give the clubs a two month period to inform you of the tournaments planned?

All of the clubs would value this service greatly and you would be forever in the debt of beleagured club presidents and chairmen.

William R. Russo
Amity Harbor Fishing Club

This sounds like a darn good idea to us, so we'd like to make this an official offer: all clubs that are interested in participating in inter-club tournaments, please notify The Editor, The Long Island Fisherman, 8 West 7th Street, Deer Park, New York 11729. We will publish a master schedule under some readily identifiable heading.

GRIPES AND LIKES

You have had a number of articles abut Con Ed's Inian Point plant in killing off striped bass and other fish. These articles, while well written, do not explain the fact that for the last few years the striped bass population of the Eastchester Bay area, and others, has been on the increase. *not* decrease, as would the case if they were being killed off. I know a man who spears eels at night and he says that a few years ago he would see very few striped bass at night, but this year he saw numbers of them, of keeper size and a little larger. If this is the effect of the Indian Point plant, I'm all for it. I have read articles about how these same, just keeping size fish, should be great game next year and years to come.

Another gripe I have with it is called "Long Island Fisherman" and has so much hunting in it. A fisherman subscribes to a local fishing magazine to get local fishing news and hints, not articles about hunting upstate. Some of the places you mention are hundreds of lmiles from Long Island.

Your four part article about fishing Eastchester Bay was great. I would like to extend the author an invitation to a fishing club that is located on Eastchester Bay in the Throgs Neck area. If the invitation can be relayed to him, I would appreciate it.

Nicholas J. Tonner
1524 Hutchinson River Parkway
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The fact that fishing in a particular area has been good, or that many small fish are sighted in a body of water, does not indicate — in any way — the general condition of the total fishery. While you may believe that bonanza fishing is on the way or striped bass in Eastchester Bay, fishermen from other parts of the mid-Atlantic region would violently disagree with you, were you to ask them about fishing in their favorite haunts.

The fact that at least one governmental agency — The Atomic Energy Commission — has, through its own independent investigations, come to the conclusion that severe damage is being (and will be) done, only serves to support the positions of many thousands of sportmen, scientists, environmentalists, educators, and regular, normal everyday people, who have been called all sorts of names because of their concern for all *of the environment.*

We're certainly happy about the conditions you describe in your area, but we wish we could be more optimistic about the rest of the country.

Regarding your gripe about our coverage of the hunting scene, we can only say that we strive to give as much to the readers as they desire, in their indicated areas of interest. In that vein, we have probably not given sufficient coverage to hunting; five articles published this fall is no great number. If more good copy had been available, we would have had more presented in The Fisherman. However, let's have the opinions of the purchasers of this magazine: what do YOU want?

HELP! NO PLACE TO SURFCAST IN BROOKLYN

Unless you are a brave and adventurous soul there is nowhere you can surfcast in the New York City area from mid-May until about September 15th. Riis Park permits fishing in certain areas from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. — if you care to live dangerously.

The crowds at Coney Island, Riis Park and Rockaway Beach, searching for a few feet of sand, make the reason obvious. Seagate and the western tip of the Rockaways, with their "Residents Only" signs, are denied to us. At the

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News Releases

SOBA CALLS AGAIN FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING

The Save Our Bays Association of Long Island again called for The President's Council on Environmental Quality to hold a new public hearing on Long Island on the matter of off-shore oil drilling off our coast.

The location for the previous hearing, held by C.E.Q. in October, was listed in the wrong building in Mineola by the two Long Island newspapers, and the **PUBLIC** did not get a chance to be heard because of this error, it was charged.

Support from government officials and Long Island Environmental organizations for a new hearing is now under way. Nassau County Executive Ralph Caso has given his support to this re-hearing endeavor by SOBA.

All interested citizens should contact S.O.B.A. of L.I., P.O. Box 55, Seaford, L.I. 11783 in order that a united voice for the defense of our marine environment may be heard at the **Public Level**. For further information call George H. Wilde — (516) Su†-3139.

SOBA QUESTIONS U.S. Corps. of Engineers WHY APPLICATION TO DREDGE?

The Save Our Bays Association of Long Island, on December 11, called for an explanation from the U.S. Corps. of Engineers as to why an application to dredge, fill and bulkhead in Massapequa Creek had been brought forth for public comment and approval when the entire dredging and bulkheading had already been done.

The site in Massapequa Creek, for which an application had been submitted earlier this year, was found to be already bulkheaded by The SOBA organization after a copy of public notice no. 7404, dated November 30th, 1973, issued by the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers requesting any public comments on the **proposed** dredging plans, was received by Save Our Bays.

A public hearing to clear the air of the odor, coming from such uncalled for contempt for the publics' right to be heard, has been called for by the Save Our Bays Association.

The militant SOBA organization has been fighting recently to gain the public's right to be heard on environmental harmful projects that involve Long Island and its marine environment.

They need **YOUR** help, for further information call George H. Wilde (516) **SU5-3139.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A LOBBYIST

A New LIEC Program;
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Purpose: To teach members of the Long Island Environmental Council the techniques of lobbying for environmental concern, as well as for or against specific legislation. The program will be structured to introduce our members to those governmental agencies-administering environmental law e.g. Department of Environmental Conservation and Public Service Commission, (all at the state level of government) and to the State Legislature.

Proposed Schedule: A briefing workshop for the participants will be held early in January '74 in a location convenient to the group. The workshop will include: description of state government agencies, their responsibilities, personnel and budget;

description of the legislature, its leadership, committee structure, the path of bills etc.

Description of specific legislation e.g. coastal zone management, wetlands, environmental impact statements, citizen suits, etc.

suggestions on how to lobby

The explanations will be presented by a staff member of a legislator and/or by lobbyists from other organizations. For further information, call (516) 883-4725.

LONG ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL URGES CAUTION

There is surely going to be a shortage of oil supplies for the United States this winter, and possibly for the next year. However, this is no reason for panic reaction by individuals, business, or the government. The immediate crisis will help to make everyone realize that we must adjust to a new attitude, moving away from the throw-it-away, use-it-up

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The Passage of Time

by Don Vetter

The section of Barnum's Channel which passes beneath the little bridge at Long Beach Road in Island Park has held a fascination for me over the years. It was the location I had in mind when I wrote "Tropicals on Long Island" for L.I.F. (Vol. IV #4 January 21, 1971), as its waters, warmed by the discharge from the nearby LILCO power plant, play host to many species of warm water fish not normally encountered on the Island, as well as to an abundance of snapper blues in the late fall. Many an October and November day I spent here, casting small bucktail jigs for jack crevalles, blue runners and pilotfish.

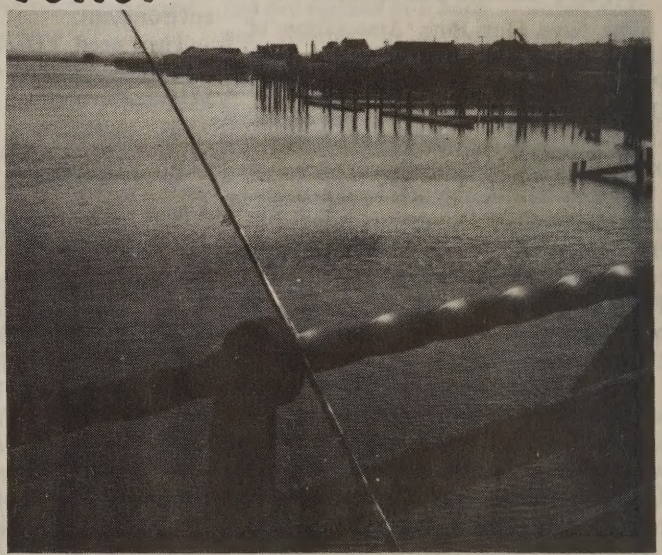
Here, on a golden autumn day many years ago, I parked my car behind a black car with a white top and proceeded to set up my rod to fish the creek for an hour or two. As I vaulted the railing to scramble down the masonry at the base of the bridge, I beheld a lone fisherman well out on the mud bar which the moon-tide low water had exposed. With his fringe of white hair ruffled by the breeze, a pipe clenched firmly in his teeth and the wavelets lopping close to the tops of his laced boots, the diminutive figure presented a most singular appearance as he cast a tiny spoon an incredible distance down the creek. His rod tip dipped sharply and he reared back to set the hook with a grunt of satisfaction. Sensing my presence behind him, he turned in the midst of playing his fish to invite me to join him. "Better get that lure into the water — they really are hitting well this afternoon," he apprised me with a broad grin.

That was my first encounter with Murray Getter, but it was far from my last, for this avid sportsman frequented the creek with an almost daily regularity during the fall months: indeed, Murray and Barnum's Channel became almost synonymous in my mind, such was the frequency with which the two of us would fish its waters through the years.

As I got to know him better, it developed that we had a lot more in common than similar-sounding last names. We were both old Florida hands; Murray even owned property down there, to which he would repair in the winter.

Whenever there was a pause in the snapper, jack or blue runner action at the creek, we would prop our rods against the bridge railing and the conversation would span the miles to the bonfish flats off the Florida Keys. Many a memorable fishing trip under the tropical sun was re-lived on the banks of that creek in Island Park.

Though we neither of us employed bait, and perhaps secretly felt a subtle superiority towards the often prevalent spearing dunkers whose bobbers presented an obstacle at times, I favored bucktail jigs while Murray swore by two metal lures. For distance casting he use a 1/2 ounce Kastmaster which he altered in one respect: he removed the standard treble hook from the split ring it shared with a wisp of white bucktail, and replaced it with a much smaller treble, maintaining it held hooked fish better. I always took the opposite tack, often changing stock hooks for larger on many spoons. When a long cast was not required, he would use the small Al's Goldfish. Murray never tired of touting the merits of the Goldfish for a wide variety of saltwater gamefish and,



The bridge over Barnum's Channel, where Murray Getter and the author often fished.

when I mentioned having some difficulty in obtaining the lure locally, he gave me a few in several sizes; Murray was like that.

On learning I did some outdoor writing, he showed me a knot for attaching lures to light mono to pass along to my readers, which I have neglected to do until now. The mono is doubled over and passed through the lure eye or split ring. A simple, overhand knot is tied with the doubled line and the lure passed through the loop formed by the knot; the line is then drawn up tight. Much faster to tie than an improved clinch knot, I believe this knot retains even more of the monofilaments' strength (all knots reduce line strength to some degree), particularly important with the 4-pound test we employed.

Sad to relate, the creek served as a repository for all manner of refuse, from shopping carts to old bedsprings, and we must have lost enough lures between us to open a tackle shop on these snags while fishing its waters.

Among the regular lure tossers who plied these waters were Wally, who has since permanently moved to Florida, and Tom, a golf pro. The fish we took were so often the same we encountered in tropical waters, there was a standing joke among us that all the creek needed, to complete the illusion, was a planting of mangroves to line its banks and perhaps even a few cabbage palms. Even as the weather turned cold by mid-November, we would still be doing battle with jack crevalles and blue runners here.

Murray used to kid Tom and myself as to what we would do to occupy our time when we retired, since, being a golf pro and an outdoor writer respectively to have exhausted the possibilities; golf and fishing having such prominence among retiree's activities. Our rejoinder was invaribly that Tom would take up fishing full time while I would turn to golf, and that it was a rather academic question in any case, both of us

Nestled between two of Al's Goldfish is Murray's Kastmaster, found last autumn by Vetter.

being many many years from giving retirement any kind of serious thought.

This fall, Murray was conspicuous by his absence when I fished Barnum's Channel as of old. Knowing of the Florida property he owned, I assumed he had finally taken up permanent residence in the Sunshine State. Meeting our mutual friend, Tom, some days later, I was quickly disabused of my original notion, learning that he had passed away. "Old Murray certainly loved his fishing", was Tom's reminiscence. He did indeed, but Murray Getter will fish no more.

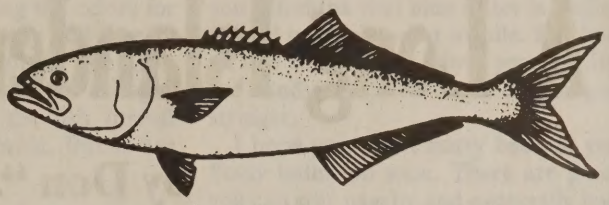
Fishing the creek once more, it was hard to accept the fact that never again would I see that black and white Eldorado of Murray's parked by the bridge, or observe that small, erect figure, with sunburned pate and fringe of white hair, flipping a lure out over the water with that quick snap of a left-handed cast. Though it never registered on my mind when we fished together, so swift and youthful were his movements, I realize now that he must have been quite old, and his "crossing the bar" was inevitable with the passage of time. Nevertheless his death served as a reminder of the mortality we must all live with.

The little creek runs under the bridge as always, and the snappers, blue runners, jack crevalles, pilotfish and other tropicals swim up it to feed as they have always done — apparently oblivious to the passage of time. Though I fished Barnum's Channel far less this past fall, one day while working its waters on the low tide I chanced across a Kastmaster lure, stuck fast in a snag far out on the bar. Blackened through long immersion in the salt water, the lures' treble hook was all but rusted away.

On closer observation I could see that the treble was much smaller than usual for a 1/2 ounce Kastmaster; I knew whose lure this has been. Cleaned up with metal polish and with a new (and larger) treble hook on its split ring, this lure is once again catching fish. It resides in my tackle box along with two Goldfish spoons he once gave me. Murray would have wanted it that way; he was that kind of guy.

I feel sure in my heart that someday when my allotted span of days on this sphere is at an end, we will meet again on that distant shore, perhaps to cast lures to fish always ready to strike and put up a good battle; fish who will take only well-presented artificials.

"I am the resurrection of life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25.



POLLUTION and FISHING

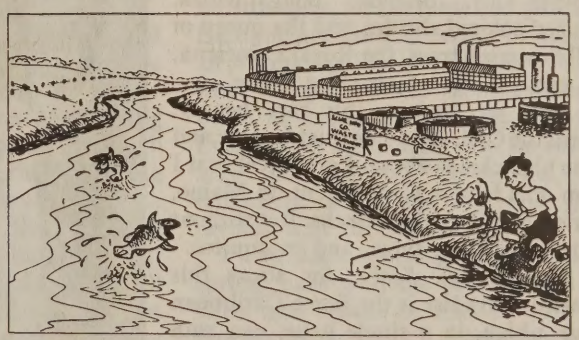
More than 6,000 industrial plants dump raw wastes into our waters. These wastes equal the pollution effects of about one hundred ten million people. As these waters decay, they consume the oxygen. Fish and their food organisms need this oxygen to live.

In addition, about 5,000 plants discharge inorganic or undetermined types of wastes, and about 10,000 tons of acid drain into our waters from mines daily. These acids and chemicals cause most of the big fish kills we read about.

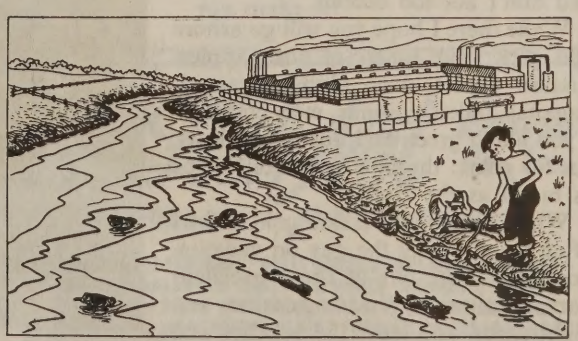
Some polluting industries spend considerable sums of money to learn how they can prevent pollution. Others don't seem to care. Many discover valuable by-products in their wastes.

We need large scale and expanding production. We also need good fishing waters. We can have both if we want them.

Insist on stong anti-pollution laws. Then make certain they are enforced. Industrial pollution is a major destroyer of your favorite outdoor sports.



Unpolluted Water — Good Fishing



Polluted Water — Poor Fishing

FISHING IN PARADISE— A Long Islander in Puerto Rico

by Don "Julio" Siebert

EDITOR's NOTE: *This gem reappeared after being missing for almost two years in The Fisherman offices. Our apologies to both Don Julio and the readers. We enjoyed reading this piece and think you will, too. Don Julio — please get in touch!*

Not far from San Juan's gold coast site of some of America's most fabulous hotels, are some of the sweetest, most inviting lakes to explore and fish, perhaps some of the best under our flag.

All are high in the mountains, cool in the warmest weather, since Puerto Rico has an average of some 78°, a low of 65° and a rare, occasional 90°. For us it is perpetual June, with winter a pleasant 65-80°. It is always fishing weather; records indicate only five raining days a year.

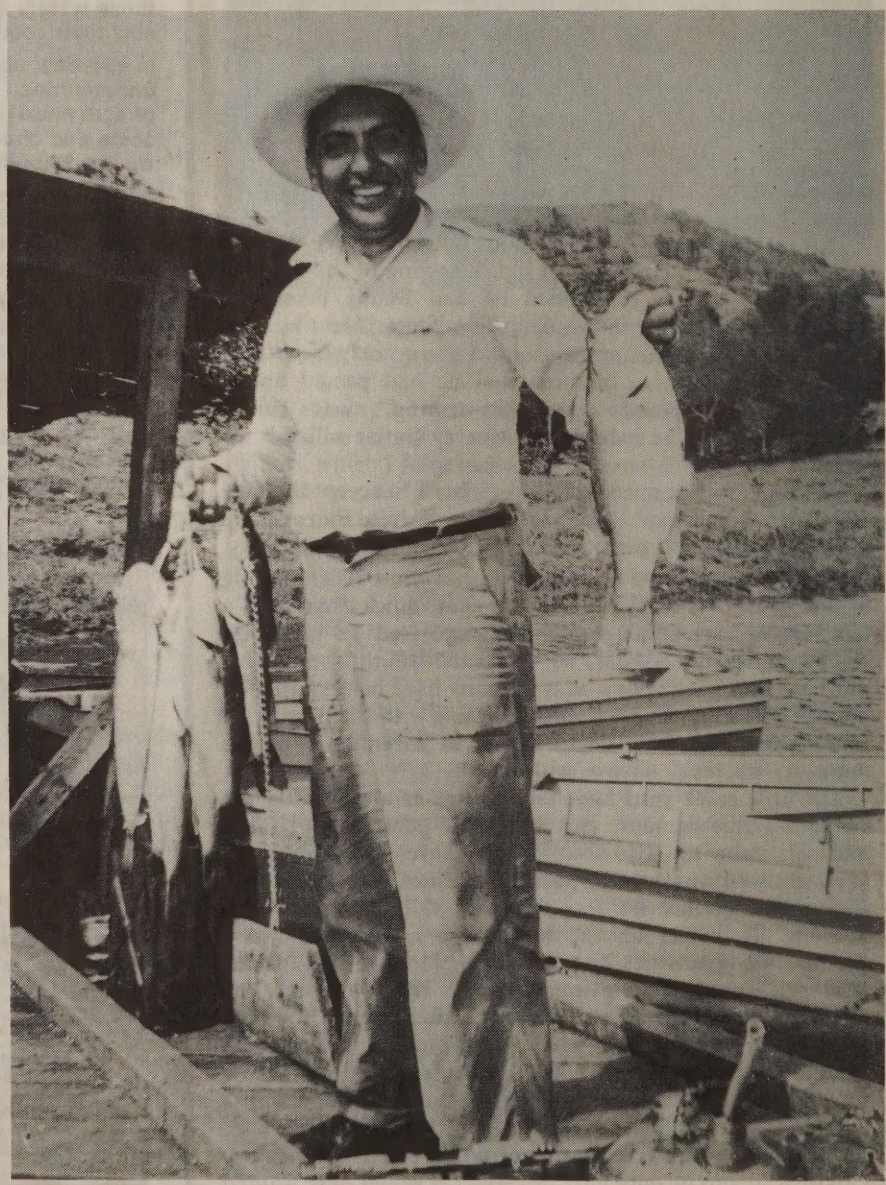
The lakes are often surrounded by tropical pines, coconuts, bananas, exotic shade trees, and flowers: lilies of many kinds, especially the fragrant spider lily, orchids, bougainvillea, varied colored shrubs, and the queen of all flowering trees, the Royal Poinciana, a great bower of towering flame.

And yet, despite this rare beauty, with the cool, June-like dust free air and the blue clouds above, I often feel that I am on a lake in Connecticut, in Maine, or even in the Adirondacks. But without the pesty flies, bugs, and mosquitos.

But careful, *Senor.* for above this earthly paradise is the fierce Caribbean sun which, in a single hour, can ruin your vacation. Bring along your old cap and don't act too *macho.*

While there I hope you will go ashore and pick your lunch of rose apples, custard apples, coco plums, oranges, bananas, fallen almonds, even coffee — if you like it green and unroasted. Look out for goats: the billy seems to like us as much as the fruit.

When I am back on that gold coast I often wonder why the guy on vacation doesn't venture out of those excellent bars, restaurants, gambling casinos and night clubs, and leave the beaches and pools, the singles-diversion, ball games, boxing, race tracks, cock fights, and



Antonio Molinari has his way with bass in Lake Guajataca, Puerto Rico.

head for our hills and mountains. If you get like me, you won't go back there, or even home, too soon.

Get a small car. A light spinning outfit. A few lures and flies. You are going to drive through little villages (*barrios*), some of these hundreds of years old, and go over roads and bridges built by the Spanish conquistadores and planters. They will still get you there, as they have done for many over the centuries. When you rent your car, get a road map and then select a friend or some tourist bored with all that opulence. Or, if you have luck, a fishing native.

However, fresh water fishing is not too popular with natives of the coasts. That's easy to see. Why travel? There is just too much right there, in the Atlantic, the Caribbean, in the bays, in the sea passages, in the surf, and one of my choices — fishing the mouths of the rivers.

But this would call for another yarn, a tremendous one, for Puerto Rico has broken around 30 world-records in the last few decades, they say, making its waters perhaps the most exciting salt water hunting in the world. Huge blue and white marlin, wahoo, tarpon, amberjack, dolphin, sailfish, albacore; all the other big stuff, too. And should you anchor and wet a hook, you will have a catch of dazzling colors far too pretty to eat.

But we are going to choose a lake on this trip, and there are many. To name a few: Dos Bocas, Aguas Buenas, Cidra; plenty, plenty to explore. I hope you select the one nearest me, Lake Guajataca, pronounced Gua-ha-ta-ca. It's a Carib Indian name, much like our own Indian names; for instance, Ron-kon-ko-ma.

You drive to Quebradillas, just 100 km. from San Juan, or 60 miles. There you leave for a leisurely 30-40 minute climb up the mountains. Lush, wild, green country that alone is worth the trip. Besides, this large lake has been stocked for years and the big bass are fat on the minnow chubs. There are big bluegills, too.

Don't look for a license. None needed. Nor is there a limit on bag or size. It's a breeze all the way.

When you get there you will pass a modest sign, the "Back Lash Club", a private club for the personnel of the Ramey Air Base. You must stop for a little Island beer or rum with Don Angel, the club manager, who has a small colmado right at the roadside.

This man is truly an angel when it comes to hospitality and know-how on bass. Over that rum he'll tell you where to look and even offer you the plastic worm the luggers favor right now. Of course, you will get a skiff elsewhere. This club is for its members.

Until a few years ago we used plastic worms exclusively, testing the colors for luck. They still work early and late in the day, and often murder the fish. Then the minnow chubs were brought in, the bait fish, and the fish turned more coy and sophisticated. But it has

Don Julio relaxes between strikes.

fattened and increased the size and quantity of the fish, if that could be possible.

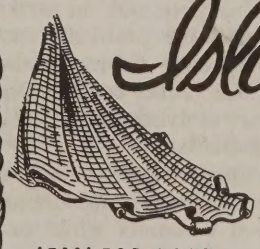
You can still leave with a dozen big ones. Just yesterday I heard of a catch catch of 90. You will see them jumping all around you, so cast into them with your favorite spoons, flies, colored lures, bugs; any northern lure will do. If you plan to come, bring along a small selection. Especially those with a bright shine or color. They don't seem to know one comida from another, but I hope they favor yours.

When you get a strike, *Cuidado Senor.* Take it easy. It just ain't your fish until that lure gets down that big gullet. I usually take a small count, even release a little line, and then strike. Then, too, the fish with an explosion: you will think that blue water is boiling. So will you boil — for awhile. But hang on and take it easy. Have your landing net handy; he'll eventually clip on your stringer.

I hope you won't hurry back to your flossy hotel too soon. There are places you can stay nearby and especially back in town, on the ocean front. There you can stay, swim and eat the gourmet meals of the island with fisherman's prices. Not many tourists venture here, sadly,

You will get real Puerto Rican Lechon Asado (a little pig barbecued in wild oregano and other goodies; we don't tell all our secrets), carne empanada (tender fillets of beef), red island rice fragrant with achiote, fried plantains, maybe the donation of your own bass and, of course, island beer, rum drinks, local coffee, and wonderful fruits and sweets. Don't mind my enthusiasm. I came, tasted it all, and bought a ranch. I purposely left out too much on just fishing. You can read a lot on that at other times. Mostly, I wanted you to know more about the place you will visit and fish, this warm sunny island; its charm, its beauty, its friendly people with their help and love for strangers, all kindness and patience. Here you are a continental, but they are all Americans like you and me. This is what I hope you will savor and bring back, as memories, to Long Islanders. Every day is an exciting day. Be sure to take shots of your catch, the wild mountains and waterfalls, and great ravines, and the rivers.

I'll be back on Long Island in early spring, back with the eel pots and the blues and weaks in Peconic and off Eaton's Neck. But I'll return when the flounders take to the mud again. Can you make it?



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An Essay on Worm Digging

by Don Millus

Like the gravedigger in "Hamlet", the angler harvesting his own bait from earth, mud or sand has a certain contact with the realities of life. For most anglers who began their fishing in childhood, the memory of digging those first earthworms for panfish, bullheads, or trout is probably as vivid as the recollection of that first five-inch fish they took later that day.

Even when he went on to fishing flies or spinners, the confirmed follower of Izaak Walton always knew that there were times when garden hackle was the most effective device in his bag of tricks. Many were the days in early spring that the split-bamboo rod from Abercrombie's was put down on the grass, and rocks overturned or sticks pressed into service to gather a few angleworms in an attempt to salvage a few trout when nothing artificial seemed to work. Only the man or woman who dedicated life and fortune to the pursuit of the Atlantic salmon could ever totally abandon all alliance with the lowly worm.

The saltwater fisherman is no further romoved from basic underground reality. Aside from some days in spring, however, when the earthworm will take flounders out of rivers and bays, the angler of the surf and sea prefers more distant cousins of the nightcrawler and angleworm.

I can still recall a day in early August when my father took us down to Canarsie pier in Brooklyn for a morning's fishing. Despite much success in Prospect Park, I still hadn't taken a fish from salt water. The surface of Jamaica Bay was calm, the tide very high, and fisherman after fisherman was pulling in three-quarter pound porgies. It was with trembling fingers that half of a succulent bloodworm was threaded on a single 1/0 hook. The freshwater baitcasting outfit, one of those weekly prizes (biggest calico bass, I think) in the A. & S. contest, was used to cast bait and a one ounce pyramid sinker some fifty feet out into the bay. Lest anything interfere with it, I propped the rod in a hole in the dock and let my equipment do the work.

It was only five minutes, but it seemed an eternity, before an unsuspecting porgy hooked himself and bent the rod towards the bay. Who heard the whispered "Hail Marys" as I reeled and worked? and the fish stayed on all the way up to the dock. I lifted my prize and quickly sacrificed the other bloody half-worm.

Basic equipment: pitchfork, boots, gloves, pail. A shallow, wooden box with a wooden handle is preferred by more professional diggers.

No matter how well the Rebels, or Rappalas, or Uppermans, or Hopkins, or any other product of man's ingenuity and modern technology work, the basic debt to the worm is still there. When my last bass of November fell prey to a tapeworm, I decided to pay this tribute.

Even with the renaissance of live bait fishing with bunker or menhaden, the worm still is the most popular of year round baits. Witness the crisis of the summer of 1973, when the worm diggers of Maine went out on strike. Others may recall the problems each spring when flounder fishing makes worms so scarce that some clever gentlemen resort to dying clams red in their quest for flatfish.

But there is another answer that can eliminate dependence on middlemen and high-season demands while providing other benefits. The answer is as simple as the beginning of that first day of fishing ever, namely, to dig one's own worms for salt-water fishing. The rewards are many.

Equipment is simple. A pitchfork is the only essential item. If the weather is cold or the area particularly muddy, a pair of rubber boots is also a necessity. Any pail will do, but the real professional will use a wooden box with a four-inch depth or so and a wooden handle. Beyond that only a pair of gloves, if the temperatures are low or one's hands soft from desk work, and warm clothing are wise precautions.

The biggest problem is choosing the right area. If fishermen are wary about disclosing a favorite spot, the professional or amateur worm digger is absolutely paranoid about any revelation of a good place to work. The reason is obvious: an army, even of amateurs, can practically wipe out the sand or blood worm population in a few choice acres in a week of digging. And with the price of bait constantly rising, the competition for good ground is increasing.

In my limited experience I've found that sand mixed with rocks, preferably in tidal flats, is a good place to start. A little scouting at low tide would be a good idea and any place where other worm diggers are consistently spotted is

Ten minutes of December digging yielded a baker's dozen of bloodworms (l.) and sandworms (r.). The two should be kept in separate containers because of the bloodworm's liking for live sandworms as snacks.

worth a try. Since the full and new moon periods provide the greatest variance in tides, the low tides of those times of month are best, but any low tide will do.

A bit of persistence is necessary. Sometimes a few yards will mark the difference between a spot that will give up a few dozen sandworms in a half-hour and another not at all productive.

Digging for worms is, of course, hard work. Viewed positively, it is good excercise. An hour of pushing with the foot, straining with shoulders and back, and bending to extract the quarry from chunks of mud or sand will no doubt make some fishermen eager to pay the man at the tackle shop his ten cents each or so. But the persistent worm hunter who finds a good spot reaps other rewards. His eyes learn to observe carefully for the tell-tale tip of reddish brown that will turn out to be a fat four or five-inch sandworm. Despite the cold he will learn to be gentle in extracting the somewhat fragile bloodworm from the mud. And as the pile of sandworms in his bait box grows he can calculate a few dollars saved and the even more pleasing potential of stripers, flounder, weakfish, porgies, tom cod, eels, blackfish or whatever the season has brought within reach of shore fisherman or boat-borne angler.

There are other benefits. Digging along the flats of Connecticut's Long Island Sound shore, I've dug up chowder clams, soft-shell steamer clams, razor clams, and four or five types of worms other than the standard staples of saltwater fishing. I've been surprised to find my youngsters more interested in helping to dig bait than in fishing with the results of their efforts.

The abundance of life that can be turned up out of the mud and sand could be the start of a good lesson in marine biology for the inquisitive youngster. Of course, dad may have to head for an encyclopedia between digging expeditions and read up on annelids, polychaetes, and marine bivalve mollusks. Indeed, the rewards of the worm digging may be intellectual, as well as physical and financial.

There's nothing like getting down to basics.

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Florida's BIG Fresh Water Bass

by Vlad Evanoff

Many fresh water anglers have fished for years in northern waters and have never caught a large-mouth bass over 5 to 6 pounds. Yet there are lakes in Florida where expert anglers throw fish this size back! In fact, anglers fishing these lakes don't get excited unless the bass goes over 10 pounds! Florida fresh water bass grow big — every year fish between 10 and 15 pounds are caught, and there are records of quite a few Florida bass going over 20 pounds in weight.

The Florida largemouth bass is actually a different subspecies and is slightly different from the northern largemouth. It grows bigger even in other states. Florida bass have been stocked in California waters, where an angler recently caught one going 20 pounds 15 ounces. But they do need a long feeding and growing season, and that is what Florida and southern California provide. They can eat and grow all year long and reach the heavy weights in a relatively short time.

Florida, of course, has had these bass from 'way back, and is blessed with a multitude of lakes, ponds and rivers and canals where they live and breed. They multiply so rapidly and grow so fast that Florida has no closed season; you can catch them all year round.

If you are coming down to fish for the BIG bass, bring along a baitcasting outfit with a bait casting reel holding anywhere from 15-25 pound test line. If you have no baitcasting outfit, bring along a heavier fresh water or light spinning reel filled with 8 to 12 pound test line. Of course, if you are just interested in catching bass of any size, a lighter spinning outfit can be used. The lighter outfits are also better for panfish such as crappies and bluegills.

Bring along your fresh water tackle box and you can use some of the lures you already have for bass here, too. The rest you can buy in many well-stocked tackle shops of fishing camps found throughout Florida. High on the list as deadly lures for big bass are the plastic worms and eels, especially these in the larger sizes. Such plastic worms and eels — up to 12 and 14 inches long — are used to catch big bass. The most effective colors are black, blue, purple and natural.

Another good lure for big bass is the large "Johnson" weedless spoon, used with pork chunk or pork frog or pork rind, a plastic skirt, or even a small, plastic worm. The silver, gold, and all-black spoons are usually used for Florida big mouths.

Various kinds of underwater plugs, such as the Rapala, Rebel, and Mirro-Lures and Shad Minnows, are also good lures to use either casting or trolling. Those with silver, natural scale finishes are good, but other colors also work at different times.

Bass of various sizes also go for surface lures, but these are usually more effective later on in the season, toward spring and during the summer. However, if you get a prolonged warm spell the bass may start feeding on top to a great degree even during the winter. Then such plugs as the Dalton Special, Devil's Horse and other crippled minnow types with propellers, and poppers, are often deadly. If you like to use a fly rod, try bass bugs for bass in Florida waters.

A good lure for Florida bass is the weedless Johnson Spoon, with a strip of pork rind, plastic worm or rubber skirt attached.

Some of the biggest Florida bass are caught on live baits, especially shiners fished below a float. Southern bass men use big shiners — from 6 to 10 inches in length — to get the big bass. These can be fished from an anchored or drifting boat along the edges of lily pads, hyacinths or weeds.

If you are coming to Florida for a short stay, it pays to hire a guide, or to fish with a native or friend who knows the lakes or waters being fished. After a day or two, after you learn the best locations you can try it on your own.

Florida has many fishing camps, boat launching sites, campgrounds, state parks and private motels and fishing lodges where you can stay near the best lakes and fresh waters.

There are so many lakes and ponds and waters which can be fished for bass in Florida that it would take a book to cover all of them. But here are some of the best ones for big bass which have produced through the years:

In the northern part of Florida, right near the state's capital city of Tallahassee, we find Lake Jackson, which is famous for the giant size of the bass caught in its waters. They run up to 15-pounds, and a 19-pounder was caught here. In the same area, not too far to the west of Tallahassee,

Floridas bass run big and most expert anglers like to use bait casting tackle for them. Photo courtesy of Florida News Bureau.

is Lake Talquin, another good bass lake. And a short drive to the northwest, located on the border between Florida and Georgia, is Lake Seminole, also noted for its excellent bass fishing.

If you head east toward the Atlantic side of Florida, you come to the St. John's River south of Jacksonville. Although it is badly polluted in spots it still has good bass fishing along many of its stretches. Lake George and Cresent Lake near there are two famous bass lakes that still are good producers.

If you go south toward the central part of Florida you'll find many lakes around Leesburg, Winter Garden, Lakeland, Winter Haven and Sebring, which can be fished. Among the better ones are Lake Tsala Apopka, Lake Tohopekaliga, Lake Kissimmee and Lake Istokpoga.

When you get to the southern part of Florida, the bass get a bit smaller, if you call bass between 5 and 10 pounds small! Most of your fish, however, will run between a pound and 5-pounds in South Florida. Lake Okeechobee, the biggest lake in Florida, has good bass fishing in the pepper grass fields or "hayfields", as they are known.

One of the largest fishing areas for bass in South Florida is the Loxahatchee Basin, which is a conservation and drainage project covering many acres of shallow water and sawgrass. Located just west of West Palm Beach, and running south to Boca Raton, it is jampacked with bass — mostly in the smaller sizes, but with quite a few good ones up to 8 or 9-pounds.

Alligator Alley, a highway which runs alongside canals from Fort Lauderdale to Naples, is another good spot to fish for bass. It can be fished in many places from shore, or you can launch you own boat at many spots.

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BOURBON POLLUTION

by Mike Soriano

Part One of Two

"Ah, the good old sun's back again. Time to get outside and wash the last remnants of winter off Detroit's finest. Sure does seem to run a lot better when she's all cleaned and polished! Speaking of running, look at them suds running down the driveway and into the gutter, mixin' with Jack's, next door, Marv's up the street, and Ed's on the corner. Kind of reminds you of the surf's wash — Wow! That reminds me...it's fishin' time again!"

Sound vaguely familiar? Well, that's about the extent of the average guy's awareness (yours and mine) of what eventually ends up as sewage. "Sewage? Oh yeah, that's the stuff industry keeps dumpin' that pollutes the water. When is someone gonna do something about that?"

Typically, most of us have a vague awareness that industrial run-off, pesticides, human sewage, and innumerable other contaminants enter our waterways to some degree. We take consolation in the *assumption* that "somebody" removes them before that refreshing liquid comes out of the tap. Keep that assumption in mind for the time being.

To start at the beginning, which is always a logical place, this article started one day when the late Al Reinfelder asked if I'd be interested in doing a story for "The Fisherman" on *tertiary* treatment. Sure, I told him. I've always been interested in flying saucers, so why not; maybe they're doing more harm to our marine resources than Russian trawlers.

I was initially dismayed to find out it was a water treatment process in the purification of sewage. Who really cares what happens after you hit that little silver lever and the remains of last night's $35.00 cuisine magically disappear from sight in a swirling rush of crystal water? At the same time, however, it was kind of interesting to read about things like improperly treated water being poured into Cleveland's Cuyahoga River which occasionally causes the river to burst into flame, in addition to other similar goodies which continued to hold my waning span of attention.

Eventually, something finally hit home that blew my conscious wide open. A passage from WATER WASTELAND, a book by two of Nader's Raiders, Zwick and Benstock, stated that a national survey performed by HEW's Bureau of Water Hygiene revealed 30% of tap water to be below chemical contamination standards set by the Public Health Service! A guy can put up with hooking one of those "little white balloons" every now and then while fishing, or learn to fish upwind of a sewer conduit that regularly dispenses the largest samples of human fecal matter you could ever imagine. But, when something is fooling around with the stuff that makes the ice cubes that go into MY bourbon — I want to know why and whether or not any of of that 30% is coming through my tap!

Probing more deeply into the subject, I found out that sewage eventually discharged into surface or ground water should be treated in three steps: primary, secondary, and tertiary.

The first, or primary treatment of waste is a mechanical process which filters solid material out of the water through the use of screens. Then, the water is supposed to be held in huge tanks which allow additional solids to settle. This step, if operating properly, removes 30-40% of materials called biochemical oxygen demanders (BOD) which are found in organic waste.

A few lines up, I said that the strained water is "supposed" to be held in settling tanks. This supposition is based on the fact that 34% of all domestic sewage in this country gets no treatment at all before discharge, and an additional 22% receives only primary treatment. In many cases, the primary treatment facilities can have their efficiency cut way back by a rain storm, which causes flooding and untreated overflow to pour into a waterway.

The next step on the road to clean water ought to be secondary treatment of sewage. This is a biological process. Primary treated wastewater is subjected to normally harmless bacteria which have this thing for consuming organic matter. The average BOD removal rate can be up to 60% if the little devils are properly aerated to keep up their appetites.

By the way, these BOD's that I'm referring to are not meant to imply anything carnal. Neither are they a plug for an underwear company. They are, however, the standard unit used for measuring the polluting capacity of organic waste materials. As anything organic decomposes, a certain amount of oxygen is destroyed, or burned up as in a fire. As these biochemical oxygen demanders are put into the nation's waterways, via municipal treatment systems, they remove a percentage of the water's life supporting oxygen. Put enough in too quickly, and the oxygen cannot be replenished quickly enough to supply the needs of the local aquatic tenants.

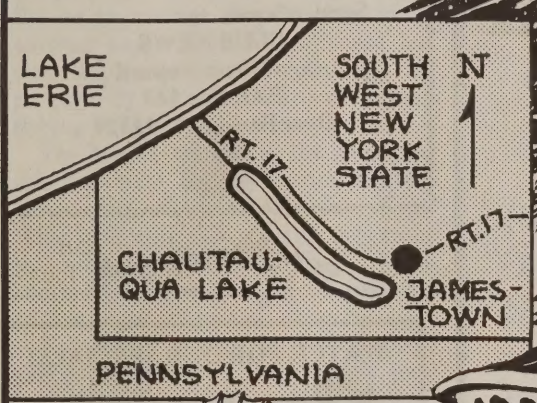
Continuing, third stage, or tertiary treatment procedure has been known to have a 95%+ BOD removal rate. There is no one standard method of tertiary treatment but, although the Federal Government's Water Quality Administration tells us they are researching the matter presently, some tertiary waste treatment methods have been employed since the 19th century in various areas of the country. One of these, rapid sand filtration, involves passing water through a bed of sand to filter minute impurities. It has been used to strain public drinking water in parts of the country since 1890.

End of Part I

MUSKELLUNGE OF N.Y. STATE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE MIGHTY MUSKELLUNGE, BARRACUDA OF FRESH WATER, IS KNOWN TO REACH A WEIGHT OF 100 LBS. AND IS NATIVE TO THE GREAT LAKES AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER. ABUNDANT NOWHERE, MUSKIES HAVE BEEN TRANSPLANTED WIDELY AND HAVE A THING GOING FOR THEM IN NEW YORK STATE'S CHAUTAUQUA LAKE. *SEE MAP BELOW.*



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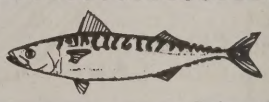

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South Shore Report

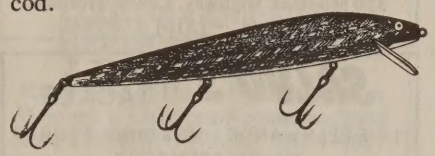
SOUTH SHORE REPORT

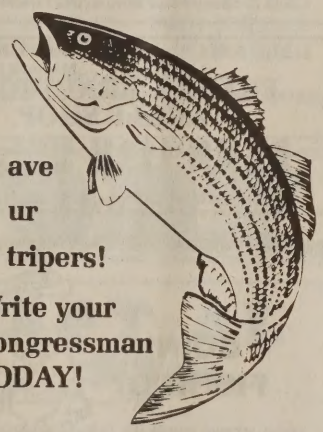
The fish are here and in good quantities, according to Capt. Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II. He mentioned that even small boats, down to rowboat size, have been going out when the weather permits and loading up on codfish. Most of the fishing is taking place close to shore where the fish caught are mostly schoolies under ten pounds, with catches being over ten fish as an average. Capt. Behan made another exploratory trip offshore but was kept from accomplishing his purpose by the abundance of foreign fishing vessels in the area.

The Marlin III was in the ship yard this past week getting routine maintenance work done. On Sunday, Capt. Rade took eight men out and they came in with about 80 fish. Richie commented on the very good quantity of fish to be caught so close by.

The Capt. Scotty out of Captree sailed on Thursday and Sunday only and did well according to Capt. George Tweedy. They averaged better than 10 fish per man. Fishing in deeper waters of 80 to 90 feet helped to keep up the average catch even though most of the fish were under eight pounds. About 1/5 of the catch was in the 8 to 10 pound range.

Mrs. Litwin said they had loads of fish each day they went out. Plenty of small codfish, under 10 lbs., were caught along with a sufficient quantity of whiting, enabling just about everyone to go home with a bagful of fish. Judging from Mrs. Litwin's description I would say the catch was about fifty-fifty between the whiting and the cod.





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Tony, Tim and Rich, some of the crew at Herman's Roosevelt Field store, hold up some of the 600 lbs. of cod taken recently by them aboard the Marlin III out of Montauk.

Jim and George McKenna pose with the two deer they took during Thanksgiving at the Dairy Farm in Gilboa, N.Y. Jim bagged the 165 lb. four point buck while brother, George, was only runnerup with his "baby" 120 lb. spike.

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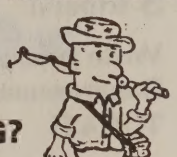

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N.Y. Bight Report

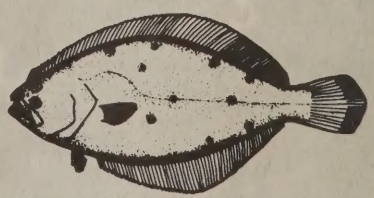
Coming further west, we called Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream who said he sailed on Sunday only because of the stormy weather. Anglers took a beating from the storm's aftermath all week long. Seventy cod were caught and these fish were mostly small. Some fares had six, seven or eight fish, while others shared what was left.

Capt. Al Lindroth sailed three days, of which Wednesday was the better day. Al said the storms scattered the schools and so it was necessary to remain mostly in one area and make the fish come to you.

The Commodore did not sail at all this past week due to the poor weather. The Ginnie Mae sailed on Saturday and went to the McAllister Grounds where the water was like a chocolate soda and very rough. The result of this trip was a zero. On Sunday, fifteen people showed up, and although forewarned of the sea conditions and fish catch possibilities, they decided to give it a try. To paraphrase an old Coast Guardman's saying, "fishermen just want to go out to fish; it doesn't mean they will catch any." But catch they did. Not many, just four or five apiece among as many men, and singles and twos among the others.

Capt. Ardolinc of the Amberjack IV did not have too much to say about the fishing. Between the very rough seas and the foreign fishing fleet there weren't too many codfish to be caught.

FISH FACTS



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CHUMLINES

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western end of Riis Park is a chain link fence effectively sealing us off, although these lightly-used beaches are patrolled by City Lifeguards! The more affluent residents of this area also prevail upon the City Fathers to festoon every pole with "No Parking" and "Fire Zone" signs.

There is a ray of hope for the future — if we start acting now: Gateway National Park will soon come into being. The beaches at Fort Tilden are not the best in the world for swimming, but some nice bass have been taken by those lucky enough to have access. It may just be possible that if enough of us banded together we might be able to have some part of it set aside for fishermen. It is going to involve some serious letter writing to the "Powers That Be", yet, if we find it too much trouble, they are never going to be able to guess what we want. Demand it!

With the gasoline shortage, it may be the difference between continuing our sport or putting a "For Sale" sign on our tackle.

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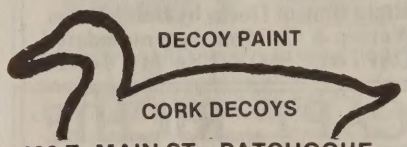

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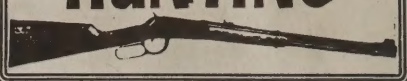

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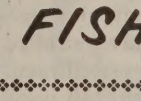

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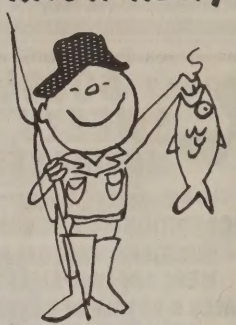

Find out how... read *The Long Island* FISHERMAN

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sport fishermen are being asked to collect scale samples from striped bass for a research project initiated by the Striped Bass Fund, Inc. Taken from the area indicated by arrow; above the lateral line, between the hard and soft dorsal fins; the scales will assist in determining spawning areas of this important game fish.

Three to ten scales together with exact fork length of the fish, location and date of capture are required. If the fish is to be released, three scales are requested — ten scales from fish to be kept. Scales should be sent to: Dr. C. P. Goodyear, Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37840.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS
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Sound and Atlantic Coastal Waters.

February 4, 1974
RON LEPPER, Captain of the charter boat "Kim"; Modern techniques for fishing Long Island and New Jersey waters. Trolling and bait fishing for Striped Bass.

February 12, 1974
CARL DARENBERG, Fleet Captain, Montauk Marine Basin.; Fishing for school and giant tuna out of Montauk, Long Island; sea conditions, weather, water temperature factors, etc.

February 19, 1974
LOUIS "BUB" CHURCH, One of this country's leading pioneers in the development of salt water fly rods, fly patterns, and fly rod techniques.: Selection and balancing of rods and reels, their care and use; catching fish on several types of light tackle.

February 25, 1974
MARK SOSIN, Author, Lecturer, Internationally noted Sportfisherman.: Techniques for tempting, hooking and fighting fish in Northern and Southern waters.

March 4, 1974
MILTON ROSCO, Author of "FISHING FROM BOATS", Articles in The Long Island Fisherman, etc.

March 11, 1974
DICK ALLEY, Columnist for The Long Island Fisherman and Small Boat World Magazine.: Fishing the Connecticut Shore.

March 18, 1974
JERRY KENNEY, Fishing Editor of the New York Daily News.: Fishing for sharks, dangers thereof, shark identification, tagging and releasing.

March 25, 1974
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Mail To: Mr. Arnold D. Weinstock, Profit & Pension Planners, Inc., 575 Lexington Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

NEWS RELEASES
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policies we have been pursuing for so many years. Questions of growth for the growth's sake must be reveevaluated by all of us, not just by special commissions whose reports are issued with fanfare and then ignored.

One advantage of the prominent news coverage of the energy issue is to make all the people participants in a new look at our priorities, and to emphasize that with 6% of the world's population we have been using up well over 30% of the world's energy resources. While it is true that our Gross National Product (GNP) is roughly 30% of the world GNP, it is highly doubtful that gross national product and quality of life go hand-in-hand. We are much more wasteful of energy resources than other societies, and there are some short-term compromises to be made.

Environmentalists must be watchful as each suggestion for using dirty fuels is seized upon and approved as a temporary measure, and must accept the knowledge that whatever the reason causing this crisis, there are some short-term compromises to be made.

But this situation must not be permitted to become a blanket excuse for a return to ravaging the land and polluting the air and water in the name of emergency. Awareness of environmental quality is here to stay, and everyone will suffer through impaired health if we succumb to the lure that we can have our cake-unlimited growth-and eat it — without paying a heavy price.

The Long Island Environmental Council is urging everyone to conserve energy in the home, the school, the workplace.

The immediate oil supply problem is being used as an excuse to exploit the Outer Continental Shelf, and to go back to rapid development of nuclear power. The Council continues to view such policies as shortsighted. The drilling would not provide oil for close to ten years even if extraction started. The problems of transportation and storage of used nuclear fuels are far from being solved and therefore any haste in building fission plants should be opposed.

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CLUB NEWS

SOS SLIDE SHOW

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TIDE TABLES

	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
THURSDAY	9:10	9:36	10:45	11:22	12:24	12:27	12:36	12:48
FRIDAY	9:49	10:12	11:20		12:53	1:02	1:14	1:26
SATURDAY	10:25	10:54	12:04	12:03	1:28	1:41	1:55	2:08
SUNDAY	11:08	11:39	12:45	12:46	2:11	2:21	2:38	2:53
MONDAY	11:49		1:33	1:35	2:56	3:14	3:21	3:41
TUESDAY	12:25	12:43	2:20	2:31	3:42	4:06	4:10	4:33
WEDNESDAY	1:16	1:40	3:13	3:35	4:35	5:03	5:05	5:32
THURSDAY	2:17	2:47	4:08	4:36	5:34	6:06	6:01	6:32

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

PHASES OF THE MOON

1/31	1/3	1/10	1/16
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	+0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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